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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Continuation Application of  
R. CRAIG MILLER and RICHARD W. NAESS  
For: PROCESS FOR CONTINUOUSLY COOKING FOOD  
Serial No. 08/494,716  
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PATENT  
) Art Unit: 1302  
) Examiner: G. Yeung  
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) September 27, 1996

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to complete the filing of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.60(b),  
please add the following new claim:

--IX. A process for continuously cooking foodstuff while being ~~above~~ <sup>able</sup> to provide  
excellent control of the properties of the cooked foodstuff, said process comprising the steps  
of:

placing a foodstuff to be cooked on an upper surface of a perforate, moving  
belt;

heating at least one surface of the foodstuff to be cooked with a color  
development and sealing flame;

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